

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 13-27 are pending in the application, with claims 13 and 14 being the independent claims. Claims 1-12 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 14-27 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

The claims were originally written in the German language. The claims were translated into the English language and filed with this National Phase application. The new claims have in parts merely been rewritten from the translated version using more conventional U.S. claim language and to more succinctly claim that which the inventors believe to be their invention. Support for the new claims can be found in the original claims because the amendments merely state explicitly that which was implicit in the original claim.

New claims 14-27 are rewritten forms of the original claims as set forth below:

New Claim	Original Claim
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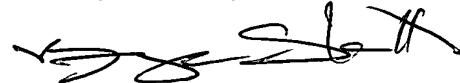
Applicant respectfully submits that the new claims add no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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